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LOYOLA CAMPUS CENTRE GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

The ground breaking ceremony for Loyola's ^{650,000}~~\$750,000~~ Campus Centre will take place on Tuesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. with Loyola president Father Patrick G. Malone, Alumni president Brian O'Neill Gallery and LMSA president Gord Clark turning the first turf at the Centre site. Major construction on the 23,000 square feet, three storied, air conditioned building will start in the spring. Opening is scheduled for October 1st next year.

The Campus Centre has been singled out as the main support project of this year's 75th anniversary Annual Alumni Fund Appeal, chaired by Kevin Kierans, '43, and currently in full swing. The appeal objective is \$75,000.

The Centre will be located to the north of the Vanier Library on land presently used as a car park. Architects Marc Cinq-Mars, who also designed the Bryan Building, have endeavoured to create a harmony between the new structure and its neighbour. Its exterior shell will be an almost unbroken square. Interior walls will all run at diagonals to the outer structure, creating aesthetic interest and reducing costly corridor space within the building.

Several areas in the Centre have been designed with multi-purpose functions in mind. The main floor will house a snack bar

(replacing the nearby canteen which will probably be demolished) that will convert into a dance floor.

Off this room will be an intimate lounge space decorated to give a pub atmosphere. It will serve as a bar on special occasions. The same floor will contain a kitchen, offices and a meeting room with folding walls that will enable it to be partitioned into two or three smaller rooms. It will have a projection booth and sound system for movies and could also be used for small painting or photography exhibitions.

The upper floor will have a large, irregularly shaped, carpeted lounge overlooking the open-ceilinged snack bar, and a smaller "quiet lounge" with easy chairs, for reading - or listening to recorded music through a specially incorporated headphone system. This floor will also have wall space suitable for art exhibitions.

The ground floor will include a games room with equipment for table tennis, billiards and darts available for use at modest cost. On the same level there will be a workshop where students may work on stage props, carnival projects and the like.

Still under discussion is landscaping around the building. The architects have suggested a sunken garden, at the games room level, for summer use as an outdoor café. Mr. Andy Woodcock, chairman of the Campus Centre Committee, says that the idea may have to be vetoed because of cost.

A long study program which investigated every facet of

having a Campus Centre at Loyola, resulted in the design of the Centre and its site, judged as the "simplest and most comfortable on the campus for the Centre."

Hopes for a Campus Centre at Loyola have been held by various factions for some time. Several years ago advanced drawings were prepared for a centre costing \$ 2,250,000, but a change in Quebec's financing attitude brought the project to a halt. Reconsidered on a smaller scale at a cost of ~~\$750,000~~ ^{\$650,000}, it is now being financed by the student body (who have already contributed \$240,000), the college and the alumni.

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